

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 51-59 and 66-68 are pending in the current application. By this Amendment, claims 51, 54 and 57 are amended. Claims 51, 54 and 57 are the independent claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 51-59 and 66-68 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Without conceding to the Examiner's current position, Applicants have amended independent claim 51 removing the features related to the "second size information", thereby rendering this rejection moot.

As indicated in Applicants previous response, independent claim 51 includes features directed to the Examiner's suggested amendments. For example, claim 51 further recites "at least one thumbnail picture in the menu data file is selected based on a user selection and reproduced based on the menu management information", "wherein the selected thumbnail picture includes an intra-coded picture (I-picture) and one or more predictive coded pictures (P-pictures)", and "wherein the selected thumbnail picture is displayed by sequentially transmitting the I-picture and the P-pictures." These features reflect how the menu picture (including an I-picture and one or more P-pictures) is displayed by sequentially transmitting the I-picture and the P-pictures. Support for these amendments is provided at page 11, line 15 to page 12, line 15 and FIG. 9 of the specification as filed. None of the cited references illustrate these features.

Independent claims 54 and 57 include features similar to the above-identified features of claim 51. The pending dependent claims, dependent on claims 51, 54 and

57, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

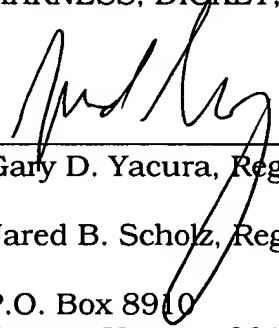
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jared Scholz at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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